

## **Beaverton Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## **Woman Assaulted in Nature Park**

On September 9, 2013 at approximately 2:00 p.m. a Beaverton Police Officer contacted an assault victim at St. Vincent Hospital.

The 41 year old female victim told the officer that she had been attacked in the Nature Park off of SW Millikan around 10:30 a.m. The victim stated she had gotten off MAX and was not sure exactly where she entered the park. She had been walking in the park for approximately 15 to 20 minutes when she was attacked from behind. The victim stated that the suspect had struck her several times in the face and pulled her off the trail into a wooded area. The victim stated that she believed that she had been raped by the suspect.

The victim never saw the suspects face but was able to describe him as a Hispanic adult male, clean shaven and approximately 5'7" and 300 pounds.

The Beaverton Police Department and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation (THPRD) Security searched the park for evidence of the attack and the suspect. We were unable to locate anything that would assist in this investigation at this time. THPRD is cooperating in this investigation and has increased security patrols in the Nature Park.

The Beaverton Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in gathering any information that might assist in this investigation. We also want to make sure that the public is aware of this reported incident and take the appropriate actions to stay safe while in remote areas.

Below are some tips that can help you stay safe.

- Try to avoid walking alone in remote areas
- Have your house or car keys in hand because this can be used as a defensive weapon
- Have your cell phone in a location that you can easily access
- If you are attacked scream as loud and as often as you can as you attempt to get away

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Beaverton Police Department at (503) 629-0111

